In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph inserted on page 1, line 3 by the preliminary amendment dated March 29, 2002, with the following amended paragraph:

Reference is made to the commonly assigned co-pending patent applications Serial No. 10/040,605, entitled "Communicating Transaction Types Between Agents in a Computer System Using Packet Headers Including Format and Type Fields"; Serial No. 10/041,028, entitled "Communicating Transaction Types Between Agents in a Computer System Using Packet Headers Including an Extended Type/Extended Length"; Serial No. 10/040,765, entitled "Communicating Message Request Transaction Types Between Agents in a Computer System Using Multiple Message Groups"; and Serial No. 10/041,040, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Signaling an Error Condition to an Agent Not Expecting a Completion." ~~"Method for Handling Unexpected Completion Packets and Completion Packets With a Non-Successful Completion Status."~~